

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 110

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the members of the Civil Air Patrol's Tennessee Wing.

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol, the volunteer civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force, has become one of the nation's premier humanitarian service organizations, saving lives, finding those who are lost, helping fellow citizens in times of disaster, working to keep America safe, preparing future leaders, offering aerospace education to inspire our nation's youth, and honoring our military; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol, forged by a late-century revolution in search and rescue technology, is known worldwide for its unique emergency services operations, performing vital search and rescue, disaster relief, and other important emergency missions for more than 1,400 communities all across America, including all fifty states, our nation's capital, and Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Air Patrol's Tennessee Wing, which consists of more than 1,000 volunteers in squadrons located in communities stretching from Bristol in the east to Memphis in the west, flew more than 2,300 total hours in support of all missions in the 2016 fiscal year, including missions at the request of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, the National Park Service, and the United States Air Force Rescue Coordination Center; and

WHEREAS, as a top resource for disaster relief, the Tennessee Wing provided aerial photography, damage assessment, and ground team support during various emergency service actions in 2016, including high-profile missions in East Tennessee and relief work in those areas of North Carolina that were affected by Hurricane Matthew; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members of the Civil Air Patrol's Tennessee Wing for their outstanding work in emergency services and extend to them our appreciation for ensuring the safety of thousands of American citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.